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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006. Claims 1-74 are pending. Claims 1-74 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-45 are said to be drawn to an etching composition and an adhesive, classified in Class 252, subclass 79.1;
- II. Claims 46-74 are said to be drawn to a method of applying an orthodontic appliance, classified in Class 433, subclass 215;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-45, with traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the Groups I and II claims are so interrelated that a search of one group of claims will reveal art to the other. Moreover, the classification of Groups I and II claims in different classes and subclasses is not necessarily sufficient grounds to require restriction.

Were restriction to be effected between the claims in Groups I and II, a separate examination of the claims in Groups I and II would require substantial duplication of work on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Even though some additional consideration would